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DISTRICT NO. 7

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DISTRICT NO. 8

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 30, 2001
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council met in regular session at the above place and date. Mayor Carlos M. Ramirez present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Jan Sumrall, Rose Rodriguez, Larry M. Medina, John F. Cook, Presi Ortega, Jr., Luis G. Sariñana and Elvia G. Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Paul Joseph Escobar. Meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Carole Hunter, City Clerk, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Mayor's Proclamations & Certificates.

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Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Medina, and unanimously carried to approve, as revised, all matters listed under the Consent Agenda unless otherwise noted.
(Items approved under Consent Agenda will be shown with an asterisk {*}).

Representatives Medina and Ortega left the meeting momentarily and were not present for the vote.

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No action was taken regarding the presentation of Phase II of DMG Report on the Police Department.

Mayor Carlos M. Ramirez began a lengthy discussion by stating this is the second phase of a three phase study which was commissioned to look at the management effectiveness of the Police Department. Phase I was presented November, 2000, Phase III will be done in the upcoming months which will consider the possible consolidation between the Police and Sheriffs Departments.

Representative Cook asked that the Reports from DMG be given to Council Members several days before the Council meeting in order to review the contents.

Mr. Mark Threadgill, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, introduced Mr. Richard Brady, Vice President of DMG Maximus.

Mr. Brady thanked Council Members. He stated that he was the Project Manager of the first two phases of this Police Department study. He stated that this is a very comprehensive look and analytical examination of a relatively large department which include; all aspects of its program and operations and community services, workload and service levels handled by staff in each of the functions within the department, analysis of the appropriate staffing levels of each function at appropriate levels of service, how well resources are being managed within the department to include equipment and vehicles, etc.; an analysis of the organizational structure, and finally an analysis of departmental policies and procedures. He then summarized the aforementioned topics.

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Mr. Brady stated that Phase I was conceived of as a "diagnostic assessment" which began in September and for a period of two months gave a very broad analytical examination of the department, to include looking at what people do, how they do it, workloads and services levels provided in each function. He added this should be utilized as a performance management tool as the department goes through the change in the next year or two.

He stated that Phase II is a very detailed management, staffing and operations audit of the most significant issues identified in Phase I. Phase III will be looking at opportunities to regionalize selected law enforcement services with the Sheriff's Office mostly support services relating to Records, Communications and Crime Lab functions.

Mr. Brady stated that the company interviewed a very large number of people (over 300) within the department and many people outside the department. He stated that the departmental managers were interviewed on multiple occasions. He stated many of the records and support function personnel were interviewed, field supervisors, patrol ride alongs in the Regional Commands, as well as some of the specialized units. In addition to the interviews, a "Confidential Employee Survey", was distributed to employees and about 50% of the "Confidential Employees Surveys" were returned to Mr. Brady.

Representative Cook asked how the surveys were distributed.

Mr. Brady responded the company either personally handed them out or worked through the chain of command, particularly in patrol.

Representative Sumrall asked if Mr. Brady interviewed individuals on administrative leave or individuals who had left the department very recently, such as Deputy Chiefs or Assistant Chiefs.

Mr. Brady responded no they did not. He stated the company reviewed the department from September to December. He added the company did not view that it was their job to go through issues the Department had gone through in the last couple of years. Rather, the company wanted to evaluate what they were doing now, the extent the department addressed issues and to prevent problems from occurring in the future.

Representative Sumrall responded she understood and agreed with Mr. Brady; however, she thought officers, especially Command personnel on administrative leave, should have been interviewed due to their insight to areas that these individuals had been in charge of.

Mr. Brady responded this was a tough judgment call for them. He stated both of these Phases were conducted very rapidly so that the department would have some concrete recommendations in time for budget and other considerations.

In response to Representative Sariñana, Mr. Brady explained the various types of questions on the questionnaire. Mr. Brady also responded to Representative Sariñana that due to the abbreviated time frame, the company used evidence of community feedback in terms of how proactively the department structures their services in the community, complaints about programs and services.

Representative Sariñana asked if an audit should be conducted by the public as well. Mr. Brady responded due to the time constraint and not being part of the scope of work, this would have to be done more scientifically than employee surveys and additional resources would be needed.

Mayor Ramirez stated that the questionnaire was in the Phase I report by DMG Maximus.

Representative Sariñana responded the public is not in support of the recommendations by DMG Maximus.

Representative Sumrall asked if the company looked at the City's ability to recruit, if this was efficient and also, was there a problem with losing employees due to issues in the department. She asked if the City's attrition rate was normal and if the City is hiring the number of people which it needs.

Mr. Brady responded yes the department is short a large number of people. He added the company did look at the recruitment and training practices and found they were efficient and effective.

Mr. Brady then provided an overview of Phase I of the study. After providing the Phase I overview, Mr. Brady began the presentation of the Phase II recommendations. One of the recommendations would be to build a new Evidence and Property facility.

Regarding centralizing the various training components of the Police Department, Representative Sumrall asked Mr. Brady if he was referring to a consolidation of the Community College and the Training Academy.

Mr. Brady responded yes.

Mr. Brady continued with reference to the PAR, IMPACT, Airport Unit and the CRASH units. Mr. Brady stated the company was not recommending the elimination of any of the missions or staff associated with these units. But it is recommending greater flexibility for the Department and the Regional Commanders in handling widely varying situations within the community with different kinds of staff resources. Mr. Brady stated it is the company's recommendation that the community types of policing should be made everybody's responsibility and that Regional Commanders should have the responsibility to use staff within their command.

Representative Cook responded to comments made by Mr. Brady.

Representative Ortega asked Mr. Brady, regarding his presentation which recommends transferring many departments to the Pebble Hills Regional Command, if there is adequate space at the Pebble Hills Regional Command center to accommodate these departments.

Mr. Brady responded Pebble Hills has essentially no proactive time, which is a significant issue. Mr. Brady stated yes there is adequate space at the Pebble Hills Regional Command Center to accommodate these departments. He stated there is a lot of analysis behind this rationale. Mr. Brady reiterated the recommendation is not to dissolve the CRASH unit nor the Gang Unit and the Drive By Shooting Team; however, DMG is stating these units should be more flexibly deployed because there has been a decline in these types of situations. He then added if the situation does not decline further or increases at any particular time, these people as well additional resources may be rededicated as necessary.

At this time Mr. Brady discussed his company's background.

Representative Sariñana asked why abolish something that is working so well for our community.

Mr. Brady reiterated his company's recommendation that CRASH not be eliminated, but that the charge be more generalized and flexible.

Representative Hernandez stated this audit was long overdue, these problems have existed for the past couple of years. She stated the PAR officers were understaffed and cross training would be beneficial. She feels the School Districts need to look at their own police officers for policing the schools.

Mr. Brady stated yes there needs to be teamwork.

Representative Rodriguez asked if the City's Police Department were fully staffed would the PAR and CRASH units not be dissolved.

Mr. Brady stated the department would never be fully staffed, it doesn't work that way. He stated once the City makes the changes the company has recommended the Police department would have adequate staff.

Mayor Ramirez made comments regarding the attrition rate at the Police Department. Mayor Ramirez stated the City is not abolishing functions, what is being recommended is the re-deployment to have more patrol officers on the street with the capabilities of doing the work that PAR, CRASH and IMPACT officers do. He stated the recommendation is 26 officers from the CRASH to be on patrol, 34 from IMPACT, 37 from PAR and 15 Sergeants associated with these three areas to be supervising patrol functions. The City needs more people on patrol.

Representative Medina made statements regarding the people skills of the PAR, CRASH and IMPACT units. Representative Medina commented on the graffiti, rapes and murders of the past. He asked that the El Paso Police Department hold community meetings to educate and inform the public for 60 to 90 days before making this a reality.

Mr. Brady responded to the comments made by Representative Medina. He said this is the kind of enforcement that has become common throughout the country today. Police officers should be generalized and less specialized, they should be prepared to provide service in a wide variety of law enforcement, quasi-law enforcement and social service types of situations.

Representative Sumrall stated the comments made by Mr. Brady indicate management problems. She alluded to a Lieutenant who is the Interim Commander at the Westside Regional Command Center due to the Commander being reassigned to Interim Assistant Chief. She made comments regarding the CRASH units being on patrol, not on the school campuses.

Mr. Brady explained the CRASH units are going to be a proactive enforcement unit; they are going to be where the need is which is a management issue.

Mayor Ramirez clarified some misconceptions. He stated the functions are not being eliminated; what is being done is a more effective re-deployment of personnel to have more coverage on the street. The CRASH units are not located at the schools. The Gang Detail is staying in place, the intelligence gathering function will continue. The recommendation is the re-deployment of officers who have less work in the specialized units to patrol units where they will be helping out with the problems in the community.

Representative Sumrall questioned taking a unit out of the element which they have been working in and putting this unit in with patrol.

Mayor Ramirez reiterated the people in CRASH will continue to have the expertise of the CRASH unit; however, they will be patrolling the City streets when they are not doing CRASH work.

Representative Rodriguez explained CRASH units are already flexible to do calls, according to their job description.

Representative Cook stated there are two different sources providing information, the DMG Maximus Report and Chief Leon's report. He read from Chief Leon's report which stated "this restructuring would redistribute approximately 26 Crash officers to normal patrol duty in their respective Regional Commands and the five CRASH Sergeants would also be redistributed to patrol shift".

Mr. Brady concluded his presentation.

Mayor Ramirez commented on the report and recommendations made by DMG.

Police Chief Carlos Leon stated the PAR program was initiated in 1994. He stated each officer should be a PAR and Gang officer. The incident at the Sonic Drive-In was handled and solved by patrol. He stated the department needs to be progressing and give the Commanders more flexibility with the personnel they have. Chief Leon explained the concerns of the educators will be addressed by the patrol officers. The Commanders will have the latitude and resources to make decisions and move personnel appropriately.

Representative Ortega asked Chief Leon if the service to the community and schools will not be changed but rather enhanced.

Chief Leon responded absolutely, we are not doing away with CAT (Community Action Team) and the Gang Intelligence, but rather information provided to these units comes from patrol.

Representative Hernandez asked Chief Leon if he would come to community meetings and explain any miscommunications to the public.

Chief Leon explained we've been doing this for some time, going to the meetings and talking about the enforcement procedures. He then gave the schedule of the CRASH unit personnel.

Representative Sariñana asked Chief Leon how he was going to address the serious management problem.

Chief Leon disagreed with the DMG Maximus report regarding the management issue; however, he does agree with 90% of the report's recommendations.

Representative Sumrall thought this should be brought before the Police Legislative Review Committee. She stated we really do need to educate the public and make it as easy for them as we can. She stated there are some excellent suggestions in the report. Representative Sumrall explained there needs to be more public input, more Council input and this needs to be taken a further step before the department makes any major changes.

Mayor Ramirez explained the informational aspect is applicable; however, there is nothing to legislate there, this is totally administrative. Council has in front of them, recommendations that will make the Police Department better because it will give them more patrol officers on the street while still retaining the community policing aspects. He reiterated every officer that goes through the Training Academy is taught community policing, the principals of PAR, the principals of gangs, all the principals they need to use to patrol the streets of our community. The great majority of police officers are doing an excellent job; however, there are a few officers that are carrying less than their load in these specialized units. He added we need to get patrol officers on the street, who are generalists, that can do all the functions that a police officer should do under the training they receive at taxpayer's expense.

Representative Sumrall asked if the more experienced officers, such as Corporals and Sergeants, are out on patrol. She has seen rookies patrolling with rookies. She explained the Legislative Review Committee would be a good idea only because they could listen what is being said by the public and come back with a recommendation.

Representative Medina stated a compromise would be appreciated. He again asked Chief Leon for an educational period, a 60 day educational period, before the changes are implemented.

Representative Cook clarified he has not had any PAR, CRASH, IMPACT or any other officers try to influence him.

Mayor Ramirez concluded the discussion by thanking both Mr. Brady and Chief Leon for coming to Court today.

Mr. Chuy de la O, citizen, made comments.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes for Regular City Council Meeting of December 19, 2000.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to excuse Representative Escobar from the Regular Council Meeting of January 30, 2001.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign a Partial Release of Lien and a Termination of a UCC Financing Statement related to the Multi-Family Community Development/Rental Rehabilitation Financial Terms Contract for the property located at 2123 Central.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign a Consultant Services Agreement between the City and VIVA Environmental, Inc., for environmental engineering consulting services in connection with various soil and water contamination investigations, asbestos investigations, environmental site assessments and other environmental engineering services as required from time to time during a two year period in a total amount not to exceed \$600,000.00.

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Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to move to the regular agenda the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the salaries of the Mayor and Representatives be increased by five percent, effective the second Tuesday in June, 2001.

Representative Medina explained he did not vote for the pay raise during the Charter Amendment Election held January 20, 2001 because the increase was too high. He stated this five percent increase is much more reasonable. He thanked Representative Sumrall for having the fortitude to put this on the Agenda.

Representative Sumrall explained this is a time restricted issue. She thanked Mr. McNabb for his assistance with this item.

Mr. Ruben Ramirez, citizen, commented.

Representative Cook addressed Mr. Ramirez' comments. A Charter Committee was formed to look at the entire Charter which needed updating. The Committee gave recommendations and discussed issues such

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as staggered terms, length of terms, etc. The Committee recommended a salary increase for the Mayor and Council Members and asked that the Council Members put this issue to the voters.

Representative Sariñana stated he would be voting against this and gave his reasons.

Mr. Ramirez responded to Representative Sariñana's comments.

Representative Sumrall thanked Mr. Ramirez for voicing his opinion; however, the item which was voted down by the voters was to increase salaries by over 100%.

Motion made by Representative Sumrall, seconded by Representative Medina and carried to approve the above Resolution.

Representative Sariñana voted Nay.

Motion passed 6-1.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a Surface Easement granting access across a drainage right-of-way, allowing for temporary structures, allowing for emergency access, use and repair to subsurface utilities to Western Mesa Hills LTD. Said easement being located in the Mesa Hills West Subdivision, near Mesa Hills and Cabaret Drive being a portion of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas and consisting of a parcel of land approximately 254 feet x 40 feet and containing 10,135 square feet, more or less.

Resolution was revised to read "allowing for temporary structures" instead of "allowing for landscaping".

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the City Council of the City of El Paso supports the concept of an agreement between the City and other local governmental entities in the El Paso area to share library resources and the City Attorney's Office is instructed to work on an agreement acceptable to interested parties.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

 That the Mayor be authorized to submit an application and sign all related documentation for second year funding for a Juvenile Compliance Project Grant in the amount of \$40,080.00 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the purpose of continuing a Municipal Court program to monitor juvenile offenders and community service sentences; and designating Richarda Momsen as the official representative under the grant. The City agrees that in the event of loss of misuse of grant funds, the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor. Matching funds are required in the amount of \$10,020.00.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign a Reimbursement Agreement between the City of El Paso and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) relating to a special joint law enforcement task force from October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001, whereby the FBI will reimburse the City for certain overtime personnel costs incurred during the operation.

***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign and submit a request for a reduction of the police officer staffing table to the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Office correlating to five criminalistics section positions proposed to be re-staffed with civilians. This request falls under various COPS grants that have been awarded to the City of El Paso, will not affect the number of officers assigned to community-oriented policing services, and there is no cost to the City.

***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Governmental Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and the El Paso County Hospital District, D/B/A R.E. Thomason General Hospital, relating to the furnishing and sharing of data and other information regarding vehicular crashes occurring within the El Paso city limits. This agreement does not require any additional expenditures to be made by the City.

***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to submit an application and sign all related documentation for a grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$27,700.00 in Criminal Justice Projects funds for a training project of the El Paso Police Department, there being no cash match and no in kind match required. The Grant Officials will be as named within the application.

That the Mayor agrees in the event of loss or misuse of Criminal Justice Projects Grant funds, the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INSTRUMENT GRANTING AN OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL EASEMENT TO THE EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS WATER WELL SITE #59, NEAR DYER STREET. SAID PROPERTY MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF LOT 1A, SECTION 21, BLOCK 80, TOWNSHIP 1, T&PRR SURVEY, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, December 13, 2000, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (PSB), passed a Resolution requesting the City of El Paso grant an easement for overhead electrical service to the El Paso Electric Company for service to PSB Water Well Site #59; and,

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WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the public interest to grant an easement for an overhead electrical line and service to PSB Water Well Site #59; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO THAT:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a document granting an Electrical Easement to the El Paso Electric Company for the purpose of providing electrical service to that certain property known as PSB Water Well Site #59. Said property being more particularly described as an overhead electrical easement, a portion of Lot 1A, Section 21, Block 80, Township 1, T&PRR Survey, El Paso County, Texas.

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***RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INSTRUMENT GRANTING AN OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL EASEMENT TO THE EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS WATER WELL SITE #61, NEAR MCCOMBS AND STAN ROBERTS, SR. AVENUE. SAID PROPERTY MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF SECTION 7, BLOCK 80, TOWNSHIP 1, T&PRR SURVEY; AND, A PORTION OF SECTION 12, BLOCK 81, TOWNSHIP 1, T&PRR SURVEY, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, December 13, 2000, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (PSB), passed a Resolution requesting the City of El Paso grant an easement for overhead electrical service to the El Paso Electric Company for service to PSB Water Well Site #61; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the public interest to grant a 10' X 2,812' easement for an overhead electrical line and service to PSB Water Well Site #61; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO THAT:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a document granting an Electrical Easement to the El Paso Electric Company for the purpose of providing electrical service to that certain property known as PSB Water Well Site #61. Said property being more particularly described as a 10' X 2,812' overhead electrical easement, a portion of Section 7, Block 80, Township 1, T&PRR Survey; and, a portion of Section 12, Block 81, Township 1, T&PRR Survey, El Paso County, Texas.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the El Paso Museum of History be authorized to borrow, on behalf of the City of El Paso, an exhibit titled "Africa in the Americas: Slavery in Spanish and Portuguese Realms" from the Texas Humanities Resources Center, and in furtherance of the loan, the Museum of History Director is authorized to execute all relevant documents with the Texas Humanities Resources Center, providing for the loan of the exhibit. This exhibit is to be displayed in the El Paso Museum of History from February 3, 2001 through March 25, 2001. Costs shall include a \$286.00 fee plus shipping expenses.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign a Personal Services Contract for an Independent Contractor between the **CITY OF EL PASO** and **BILLIE BROWN** to conduct a program for children at the Westside

Branch Library on March 31, 2001 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. There is no cost to the city. The fee for the program will be paid by Friends of Westside Library.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign a Personal Services Contract for an Independent Contractor between the **CITY OF EL PASO** and **NANCY GREEN** to conduct a program for children at the Westside Branch Library on February 17, 2001 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There is no cost to the city. Any program fees will be paid by Friends of Westside Library.

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Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to move to the regular agenda the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign a Third Amendment to the Temporary Service Contract between the **CITY OF EL PASO** and **CHRISTY M. SANCHEZ**, to extend the time of performance to April 30, 2001.

Mr. Ruben Ramirez asked if this was the third extension made to this contract and how long each extension was.

Ms. Monica D. Cunningham, Chief Administrative Officer, responded yes and this extension is for three months.

Motion made by Representative Medina, seconded by Representative Sumrall and unanimously carried to approve the above Resolution.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign a Cooperative Work Study Contract between the **CITY OF EL PASO** and **ROSE M. HOFFMAN** for the El Paso Library. Employee shall be paid at the rate of \$5.23 per hour, not exceed 20 hours per week without permission from Co-Op coordinator, and will be reimbursed for mileage, not to exceed 150 miles per week or a total of \$51.75 per week. The term of the contract is from March 1, 2001 through February 28, 2002.

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***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign an Authorized Provider Agreement between the City of El Paso and the American Red Cross, whereby the City's Parks and Recreation Department through the Aquatics Program, the Police Department and the Fire Department's Emergency Medical Service Personnel will conduct training in American Red Cross Lifeguard, CPR and First Aid courses.

***R E S O L U T I O N**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the action of City Council approving the Personal Services Contract for Contract Employee between the City of El Paso and Floyd Draper as a Pilot Instructor for the El Paso Police Department, taken on December 5, 2000, is hereby rescinded.

***R E S O L U T I O N**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign a Consulting Services Independent Contractor Contract between the **CITY OF EL PASO** and **DRAPER AVIATION** for pilot instruction for the El Paso Police Department at the rate of \$45.00 per hour, not to exceed 45 hours per week. The total amount of the contract shall not exceed \$2,025.00. The Contract period shall be from February 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001.

Resolution was revised to read "Consulting Services" instead of "Professional Services."

Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to move to the regular agenda the following:

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of El Paso ("City"), and the University of Texas at El Paso ("UTEP"), wherein UTEP will provide supervisory training to employees of the City. The contract period is from February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002, at a cost of \$6,000.00 per complete program.

Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to approve the above Resolution.

***R E S O L U T I O N**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Agreement with AMERICANOS USA, LLC to lend them one (1) 32 Gallon Container and one (1) 8 Gallon Basket in exchange for their recyclable materials in conjunction with the Department of Solid Waste Management's recycling program. This Agreement is at no cost to the City.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to move to the regular agenda the following:

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Equipment Lease Agreement between the City of El Paso and El Paso Disposal, L.P. to rent a front loader garbage truck.

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Representative Medina asked why the City needed to rent this equipment.

Ms. Emma Acosta, Solid Waste Management, explained the Department currently utilizes three front loader trucks; however, there are no reserves. This lease will afford the department a backup unit so that service will not be interrupted. The lease is for month-to-month.

Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to approve the above Resolution.

Representative Sumrall was not present for the vote.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the authorization to transfer to the El Paso Public Library the amount of \$200.00 from Representative Hernandez' discretionary funds (District 8 account) to assist with the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Armijo Library Expansion.

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*Motion made, seconded and carried that the following Housing Rehabilitation application be approved in the amount shown below as recommended by the Director of Community and Human Development and that the City Comptroller be authorized to issue a check in the amount shown below for the approved application:

00-12-0L/AG/EC/MP-0037	Loan: \$21,049.25
Interest at 0%	Grant: \$ 6,247.50
7875 Laura Way (15)	Total: \$27,296.75
	Term: 20 years

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the request to fill positions on a temporary basis in accordance with Article VI, Section 6.6-3, of the Civil Service Charter Provisions:

- A. Aquatics Supervisor, Parks & Recreation (4 positions)
- B. Cashier II, Municipal Court (1 position)
- C. Laborer, Parks & Recreation (41 positions)
- D. Library Information Specialist I, Library (1 position)
- E. Trades Helper, Zoo (1 position)

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the Staffing Table Change for Public Works:

Add	1	Engineering Technician III	GS 24
Delete	.50	Engineering Technician III	GS 24

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to re-appoint Arturo Avila to the Plumbing and HVAC Board of Appeals as an Alternate by Representative Sumrall.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to appoint Carlos Rivera to the Charitable Solicitation Commission to fill unexpired term by Representative Hernandez.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to appoint Robert McKnight to the Arts Resources Board by Representative Escobar.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to appoint Aline M. Lamastus to the CD Steering Committee by Representative Sumrall.

*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to appoint Abel Rodriguez to the Cable Communications Commission by Representative Medina.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Director of Purchasing be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to New Hope Communications d/b/a Expansion Management Magazine in the amount of \$28,028.75. New Hope Communications (Expansion Management Magazine) is the Publisher of said magazine.

Department: Economic Development
Funds available: 010268-202116
Funding source: General Funds
Award amount: \$28,028.75

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Director of Purchasing be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to Business Facilities Magazine in the amount of \$22,298.00. Business Facilities Magazine (Group C Communications Inc.), is the Publisher of said magazine.

Department: Economic Development
Funds available: 010268-202116
Funding source: General Funds
Award amount: \$22,298.00

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Director of Purchasing be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to BPI Communications Pocral Inc. dba Plant Sites & Parks Magazine in the amount of \$17,078.62. Plant Sites & Parks Magazine is the Publisher of said magazine.

Department: Economic Development
Funds available: 010268-202116
Funding source: General Funds
Award amount: \$17,078.62

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Director of Purchasing be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to Halcyon Business Publications dba Area Development in the amount of \$31,785.00. Halcyon Business Publications is the Publisher of said magazine.

Department: Economic Development
Funds available: 010268-202116
Funding source: General Funds
Award amount: \$31,785.00

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to authorize the Director of Purchasing to exercise the City's option to extend Contract No. 97-0168R between the City of El Paso and Ward North America, Inc. for Workers' Compensation Third Party Administration for one (1) additional year starting June 1, 2001 and ending May 31, 2002. This is the second and last option to extend this contract.

Department: City Attorney/O.M.B.
Funds Available: 100255
Funding Source: Workers' Compensation Account
Amount: \$788,800.00 (Estimated Annually)

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to delete Bid No. 2001-012 Automotive Parts Price List- Alternators & Starters

Award To: Vendor: (1) Main Auto Parts
El Paso, Texas
Item: PART A: All
Amount: \$25,000.00 (estimated yearly)

Award To: Vendor: (2) BXW Electrical Rebuilders
El Paso, Texas
Item: PART B: All
Amount: \$25,000.00 (estimated yearly)

Department: Equipment Maintenance
Funds available: 203121-203125
Funding source: Equipment Maintenance Internal Service Fund
Total amount: \$50,000.00

Purchasing and Equipment Maintenance Departments recommend awards as indicated, to the lowest responsive [by definition, meeting specifications] offers, from responsible offerors.

Vendor #1 offers the City a prompt payment discount of 2%20 days. Award amount with discount: \$24,500.00.

Vendor #2 offers the City a prompt payment discount of 2%10 days. Award amount with discount: \$24,500.00.

This a Requirements Type Contract with an initial term of twenty-four (24) months.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to award Bid No. 2001-083

Project: Loya Road - Street and Drainage Improvements
Contractor: E E & E Construction
El Paso, Texas
Department: Street
Funding: 150069-7126CD-0010-208027 - Community Development
Base Bid: \$257,720.58
Total Award: \$257,720.58

That the Mayor of the City of El Paso be authorized to sign the referenced contract approved by the Deputy Director for Engineering, the Purchasing Contract Compliance Administrator and the City Attorney.

1. Lump Sum Component: As part of the award of this contract, the Director of Public Works is authorized to approve contract changes which are necessary for proper construction of the work and carrying out the intent of the design, but which do not increase the scope of the contract as awarded, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 per numbered change order, and not to exceed the total of 10% of the original contract price as awarded, without further authorization by City Council.
2. Unit Price Component: Work under the unit price component is only an estimated value or not to exceed amount and will be ordered, performed, invoiced and paid by measured quantity. The actual cost of the unit price component will be the sum total of unit prices at the end of the contract term.

Description or Explanation:

Base Bid I	-	\$173,704.78
Base Bid IA	-	\$ 551.25
Base Bid II	-	\$ 22,661.24
Base Bid III	-	\$ 60,803.31

Total Recommended Award: \$257,720.58

*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve budget transfer BT201-225 LIBRARY

Allocation of grant

Increase	\$67,900	to	150027/530104/106002	Local Grant
Increase	\$3,213	to	150027/530104/203104	Minor Comp Equip
Increase	\$64,687	to	150027/530104/208010	Data Proc Equip

*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve budget transfer BT201-226 MUSEUM OF ART

Establish necessary funding for required appropriations from donations.

Increase	\$5,000 to	154001/540006/105060	Donations
Increase	\$5,000 to	154001/540006/201011	PT Temp

*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the request of American Heart Association Transmountain Challenge to hold foot race/walk on March 11, 2001 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Route: Start line 2/10 mile east of Transmountain Road and I-10 exit ramps on Northwestern Road, proceed on Northwestern Road, Transmountain Road, Gateway South, Diana, Gateway North and end at the El Paso Community College Transmountain Campus. Approximately 2,500 persons, 10 automobiles and 12 buses will take part. This request includes permission to use amplification (2 speakers, 1 microphone). Permit No. 01-005

*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the request of American Heart Association to hold a foot race/walk on September 8, 2001 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Route: Exit zoo to Washington Street to Paisano, to Boone, to Delta into Chamizal, return on Delta, Boone, cross Paisano into El Paso Zoo Parking lot and back into zoo. Approximately 2,000 persons and 1 automobile will take part. This request includes permission to use amplification (1 microphone; 1 amplifier). Permit No. 01-004

*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the request of Jose R. Sanchez to block off the 900 block of St. Vrain Street between Seventh and Eighth streets on February 3, 2001 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and February 4, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a block party. Approximately 60 persons will participate and 60 spectators are anticipated. Barricades must be manned according to the State's "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices". Permit No. 01-006

*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the request of El Paso County Sheriff's Posse to hold a rodeo parade on February 3, 2001 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Route: Start at Florence and Overland, proceed west on Overland to El Paso Street, turn north to W. San Antonio, turn west to Santa Fe, turn north to Main, turn east to Mesa, turn south to San Antonio, turn east to Ochoa and end. Approximately 300 persons, 20 automobiles, 150 animals and 30 antique tractors will take part and 4,000 spectators are anticipated. This request includes permission to use amplification (1 microphone, speaker & amplifier-30 amps) at judging stand. Permit No. 01-007

RESOLUTION APPROVING DETAILED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN NO. DP-00012, FOR ALL LOTS IN HUECO MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, REPLAT "A", EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS (11850 MONTANA AVENUE), PURSUANT TO SECTION 20.04.140 OF THE EL PASO MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, **11850 Montana, Ltd.** (the "Applicant") has applied for approval of a detailed site development plan pursuant to Section 20.04.140 (Zoning) of the El Paso Municipal Code, to permit the construction and development of a planned residential development;

WHEREAS, a report was made by the staff to the City Plan Commission and a public hearing was held regarding such application;

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has recommended approval of the subject detailed site development plan; and

WHEREAS, the subject detailed site development plan has been submitted to the City Council of the City of El Paso for review and approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. Pursuant to Section 20.04.150 of the El Paso Municipal Code, the City Council hereby approves the detailed site development plan submitted by the Applicant, to permit the construction and development of a planned residential development on the following described property which is located in an R-5/sp (Residential/special permit) District:

All lots in HUECO MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, REPLAT "A", El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, municipally known and numbered as 11850 Montana Avenue.

A copy of the approved detailed site development plan, signed by the Applicant, the Mayor and the Secretary of the City Plan Commission, is attached hereto, as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference. (Exhibit on file with this Resolution in the City Clerk's office)

2. All construction and development on the property shall be done in accordance with the approved detailed site development plan and the development standards applicable in the R-5/sp (Residential/special permit) District regulations.

3. The Applicant shall sign an agreement to develop the property and to perform all construction thereon in accordance with the approved detailed site development plan and the standards applicable in the R-5/sp (Residential/special permit) District regulations. Such agreement shall be signed and filed with the Zoning Administrator and the Executive Secretary of the City Plan Commission before building permits are issued.

4. This approval shall be void if construction on the property is not started in accordance with the approved detailed site development plan within four (4) years from the date hereof.

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to approve the above Resolution.

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Motion made by Representative Sumrall, seconded by Representative Ortega and unanimously carried to postpone one week an Ordinance changing the zoning of a portion of Tract 8-A, Block 9, Upper Valley Surveys, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas (6135 Westside Drive) from R-F (Ranch-Farm) to S-D (Special Development). The penalty being as provided in Section 20.68.010 of the El Paso Municipal Code. Applicant: Virginia R. Rocha / Representative: Robert Roque, 6135 Westside Dr., 79932; ZC-00047.

THIS IS AN APPEAL ZONING CASE

Mayor Carlos M. Ramirez explained this is an appeal case which is located in District 1.

Ms. Pat Adauto, Interim Planning Director, stated there is no official document from Mr. Roque either requesting postponement or withdrawal.

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Motion made by Representative Medina, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to refer to the Legal Legislative Review Committee an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 8961, to repeal the residency requirement for appointees to the City Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Representative Cook asked what changes were being implemented.

Mr. Reginald Bussey, Assistant City Attorney, explained that the recommendation comes from the City Accessibility Advisory Committee requesting a change in the residency requirement for the Committee. He explained the background regarding this.

Mayor Carlos M. Ramirez explained this might be a dangerous precedent to set.

Mr. Charlie McNabb, City Attorney, explained the language regarding board and commission appointments in the Charter.

Representative Medina asked that this Ordinance apply to all boards and commission.

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ORDINANCE 14762

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF EL PASO TO USE A PORTION OF EASTWOOD ALBUM PARK FROM 6:00 AM UNTIL 11:00 AM ON APRIL 8, 2001**

Motion duly made by Representative Sariñana, seconded by Representative Sumrall that the Ordinance be adopted. Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

AYES: Council Members Sumrall, Rodriguez, Medina, Cook, Ortega, Sariñana and Hernandez

NAYS: None Absent: Council Member Escobar

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby adopted.

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ORDINANCE 14763

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 8064 (THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS) FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF OBSOLETE OR DORMANT JOB CLASSES**

Representative Sumrall asked if some of these classifications are being currently recruited. She complimented Ms. Bond on her job performance.

Ms. Terry Bond, Interim Personnel Director, elaborated stating the job descriptions have changed through the years and have been replaced by new Ordinances.

Motion duly made by Representative Medina, seconded by Representative Hernandez that the Ordinance be adopted. Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

AYES: Council Members Sumrall, Rodriguez, Medina, Cook, Ortega, Sariñana and Hernandez

NAYS: None Absent: Council Member Escobar

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby adopted.

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Sumrall and unanimously carried to move this item to the forefront.

Public Hearing on the Kimberly Heights improvements and assessments to the property owners of the subdivision.

Mr. Ed Drusina, Director of Public Works, opened the public hearing. He stated his objective is to take Council Members through the steps which have already been accomplished and those steps that are pending. He began his PowerPoint presentation at this time. He gave background history regarding Kimberly Heights. During his presentation Mr. Drusina gave Council Members options regarding payment for the street improvements and assessments.

Representative Cook asked how many properties have been developed since 1977 when this subdivision was annexed.

Mr. Drusina responded approximately 19.72% of the overall development has been improved by the residential development. He then continued with his presentation. The improvements are to include: Engineering, Construction Oversight, Pavement, Curb and Gutter, Drainage Structures, Striping, City Monuments, all the development standards that are normally followed on City property, but does not include any utilities. The cost estimate being used for this development was originally prepared by the Engineering Department; however, CSA Consulting Engineers were hired to refine the original estimate. The conclusions of CSA were that the overall cost to develop this property as described under the proposed improvements would be \$2,917,487.00. This amount broken down into the four phases would be: Phase I - \$1,146,628.00; Phase II - \$459,852.00; Phase III - \$628,208.00; and Phase IV - \$682,799.00.

Representative Cook stated, just for point of clarification, in the surrounding areas that have been developed, private contractors and developers made the type of improvements that we are talking about and then passed those costs onto the people who bought the prospective properties.

Mr. Drusina responded that is correct.

Representative Cook continued this did not happen in the case of Kimberly Heights. The people bought the properties unimproved and then built upon them.

Mr. Drusina stated that is correct. They bought the property unimproved and it has been in that state since annexation.

Representative Cook stated approximately 20% of the development has taken place since 1977.

Mr. Drusina stated yes; however, there is no development taking place at this point. All the development has stopped due to the unpaved streets (project).

Representative Ortega stated there was an original figure which was much higher than the \$2.9 million; however, these are just estimates and the City is not going to have the actual cost until this project goes to bid.

Mr. Drusina explained these are budgetary estimates, projections. Mr. Drusina explained by law the City may not assess more than 90% of the cost of the improvements to the adjacent property owners. Which means the City's minimal level of participation must be 10%; however, he stated proposing going to a 17% participation. He explained this proposal includes paving half of Pratt Avenue and Ardelle Avenue and the property surrounding the Basin. Under this approach he explained, the owner's share would be \$106.17 per lineal frontage foot; the average cost per lot would be \$8,500.00.

Mr. Drusina continued saying the proposal calls for financing this package over five years with an interest rate of 8%. He continued this has been coordinated with Mr. Bill Chapman, Chief Financial Officer.

Representative Sariñana asked about the repayment plan, he asked if the residents could not go to a bank and let the residents finance this project through a bank instead of the City. His concern is what would happen if some of the homestead residents do not reimburse the City. He added the liens would be there forever. He reiterated having the property owners go to a bank, because this might set a precedent for other subdivisions.

Mr. Drusina explained over 80% of those properties remain undeveloped. He added most property owners would participate in the program.

Representative Ortega stated the City has tried three or four different ways to take care of this project, this proposal is the one most agreeable with the homeowners.

Mayor Carlos M. Ramirez explained the City is offering a financing option. The homeowner has the option of borrowing the money from a bank, savings, borrow from family members; however the homeowner wants to finance this, it is the lot owners option. The City is giving one option to them. He added in order for the streets to be paved everyone has to participate.

Representative Ortega stated the easiest thing to do is to get a home improvement loan and attach it to their first lien then the interest would be tax deductible.

Representative Sumrall commented on other areas in the City which need improving.

Representative Cook asked if Mr. Drusina would supply a list of other areas of the City which were annexed since 1977 and what zonings these are.

Mr. Drusina explained the next presentation will address some of the value that relates to this property.

Mr. Pete Sellers, Ralph Sellers & Associates, presented Council Members with numbers.

Representative Hernandez stated some of the lots were originally sold in 1958 for \$2,000.00.

Mr. Carlos Salcido, property owner, explained he and his son combined their monies to buy this property. He asked Council to postpone this in order to find monies to pay for this. He stated the City's estimate is too high.

Mayor Ramirez stated the estimate came from an Engineering firm who was hired to do this estimate.

Ms. Maria Dominguez, representing the Kimberly Heights Addition, read from a prepared statement.

Mayor Ramirez responded to the statements ready by Ms. Dominguez.

Representative Ortega explained by putting a tax lien on the home does not mean you are going to lose your home; but sooner or later that lien will have to be paid.

Mr. Drusina clarified a minor point made by Mayor Ramirez. He stated that the Mayor is requesting the period be extended nine months, that the first payment not be made until nine months or billing the property owners for nine months.

Mayor Ramirez stated because the design phase is nine months, if a property owner needs time to find financing, he stated he believes they have nine months.

Representative Medina asked what would be the monthly payment for this.

Mr. Bill Chapman, Chief Financial Officer, stated the City was planning to do this on an annual basis. He added he would try and work with the tax department so that it goes out at that point in time. He stated the department would work with the property owner regarding arrangements.

Representative Sumrall asked if the property owner required to sign off or can the City place a lien without them being involved; and what percentage of the amount should be committed before the City goes forward with the project.

Mr. Chapman responded it depends on the individual property owner to make the payments.

Representative Ortega stated once the streets are in, the development will come.

Mr. Robert Andron, Assistant City Attorney, clarified for Representative Sumrall. He stated the majority of property owners in this subdivision are not homestead owners of the property.

Representative Sariñana asked where the seed money would come from, he asked if this would come from CO's. He suggested paying for the whole project.

Mayor Ramirez responded correct.

Mr. Drusina explained pending Council Members decision today, we will go into final design. The final design will give us a detailed cost estimate which will enable Public Works to come back with a final amount. He explained Phase I is approximately \$1.1 million. Mr. Drusina explained it would be better to wait until we have the precise amount and then at that time sell CO's so we could immediately continue with the project.

Mr. Andron addressed the comments made by Representative Sariñana. He stated this is being done under the Texas Transportation Code Provision, it does not require the approval or permission of these property owners. For approximately one year the City attempted to do this under the Public Improvement District. Therefore, under the Texas Transportation Code this is a way to do the improvements and make the assessment.

Representative Medina responded to Representative Sariñana's comments. He stated it would not be fair to all the other taxpayers to pay for a small part of the City. When everybody puts in their fair share, this is an excellent option.

Representative Ortega stated there is no reason to sell the CO's so far in advance.

Ms. Lynn Plote, Kimberly Heights homeowner on Pratt Street, thanked Council Members for the opportunity to speak. She addressed the following: the estimated special benefit, paying for the drainage system, the interest rate; and a resolution to this problem.

Representative Ortega stated the City is not trying to make any money at all on that aspect.

Mr. Andron stated the interest rate in this matter is set by the statute by the Transportation Code, it is the greater of 8% or the last amount paid for a Bond issue.

Mr. Drusina responded to her engineering concerns. In the subdivisions surrounding Kimberly Heights, the drainage off of those streets goes through different drainage paths to collection basins. The intent here is to do the same thing, to do minimum engineering in order to get the drainage from the streets and lots into drain surface flow and sometimes underground to the basin.

Representative Sumrall addressed a question to Mr. Drusina regarding ponding areas.

Mr. Drusina stated there is a basin within the Kimberly Heights subdivision.

Representative Sumrall asked Ms. Plote if anyone has taken a survey or consensus from the property owners and found out who wanted to do this.

Ms. Plote explained she couldn't speak for the other home/property owners. She stated she lives on Pratt and other drivers use Pratt as a shortcut between Lee to George Dieter. Her concern is that when the road is paved what will the drivers be doing then and also, she has a fear of her girls being hit in the road when they cross the street to pick up the mail. She asked the Council Members to put themselves in her shoes.

Ms. Joanne Alvarez spoke on behalf of her mother, a property owner. She stated her father bought lots on Lindenwood in 1954. She stated she has been paying taxes on these properties since 1978 and her mother cannot financially afford these payments.

Ms. Carmen Martinez asked several questions. She asked what the payment would be on the \$8500.00, and the time allowed to pay it back would be five years. She thought five years is too short, she thought it might be extended to ten years. She asked for clarification regarding what is included in the payments.

Mayor Ramirez responded a rough estimate would be less than \$160.00 per month.

Mr. Drusina responded to Ms. Martinez' question regarding what is included. He stated the following are included: clearing grubbing, removal of existing asphalt paving, earthwork, asphalt itself (including the base course in preparation of subgrade, curb and gutter, city monuments, wheelchair ramps at intersections, driveways to properties which are already existing, 4' sidewalk, manholes as required including drop inlets, reinforced concrete pipe as required throughout the subdivision, residential street lights as required, traffic control signs and pavement stripping. She inquired as to the utilities.

Mr. Drusina responded the benefits included the utilities, the proposed improvements do not include benefits, because these service connections are provided when the property owner opts to do construction. The total cost of all the utilities improvements, if we went full development, would be less than \$2,000.00 per lot.

Ms. Martinez stated she agreed with Representative Sariñana's suggestion regarding paying for the whole project upfront. She then asked Mr. Drusina what year would Phase II begin, as well as Phases III and IV.

Mr. Drusina responded depending on the fund status Phase II could start in 2002. He replied we cannot predict what years Phases III and IV would begin.

Ms. Martinez asked if the "Permits to Build" were still frozen.

Mr. Drusina responded yes, and the permits will remain frozen until the department has authorization from Council and begin the design and until construction is started.

Ms. Martinez stated since 1977 property owners have been paying taxes.

Representative Sumrall addressed this question. She stated the properties were appraised by the Central Appraisal District as not having streets, so the property taxes which the property owners have been paying are for Police, Fire, EMS and other city services. When the streets are put in then the property values will go up.

Representative Ortega explained several years ago street signs were placed off of George Dieter; however, other signs have not been added due to the dirt streets. He stated at several of his meetings, the Central Appraisal District has come and explained how much money the property owners have paid since 1954.

Mr. L. Maldonado, property owner, requested utilities for his property.

Mr. Drusina responded the City is working with the El Paso Water Utilities to provide service prior to the construction. He stated he has been coordinating with El Paso Electric, Southern Union Gas, as well.

Representative Ortega explained half of Pratt is for the Kimberly Heights residents, around the basin and half of Ardelle will be paid for by the City. He stated if these problems had been addressed 20 years ago, the price for this would not be so high.

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Sariñana and unanimously carried to close the public hearing.

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ORDINANCE NO. 14764

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR PART OF THE COSTS OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE KIMBERLY HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS; FIXING A LIEN AND CHARGE AGAINST PROPERTY ABUTTING THE IMPROVED STREETS AND AGAINST THE OWNERS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH ASSESSMENTS THEREOF.

Representative Sumrall stated there is no other Council Member who knows more about their District than Representative Ortega. She asked that Council look at similar means of addressing other parts of the city where these problems exist.

Representative Medina thanked Representative Ortega and his staff for their tenacity in finding a solution to this problem.

Motion duly made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Medina that the Ordinance be adopted. Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

AYES: Council Members Sumrall, Medina, Cook, Ortega, Sariñana and Hernandez

NAYS: Council Member Rodriguez Absent: Council Member Escobar

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby adopted.

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ORDINANCE 14765

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of City of El Paso, Texas, combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2001, in the aggregate principal amount of \$26,850,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for the construction of public works within and for the City; approving a purchase contract; levying a tax in payment thereof; and enacting other provisions relating thereto.

Mayor Carlos M. Ramirez stated these items were discussed extensively during the budget process and during the Notice of Introduction.

Ms. Monica D. Cunningham, Chief Administrative Officer, asked the financial advisors for a report.

Mr. Steven Adams, First Southwest, stated they received seven bids; the winning bid was from Prudential Securities. He added other comments.

Motion duly made by Representative Sariñana, seconded by Representative Hernandez that the Ordinance be adopted. Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

AYES: Council Members Sumrall, Medina, Cook, Ortega, Sariñana and Hernandez
NAYS: Council Member Rodriguez Absent: Council Member Escobar

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby adopted.

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ORDINANCE 14766

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of El Paso, Texas, General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes, Series A, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 for the purpose of providing money for certain authorized purposes; approving and authorizing certain authorized Officers and employees to act on behalf of the City in the selling and delivery of such Notes, within the limitations and procedures specified herein; making certain Covenants and Agreements in connection therewith; resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, delivery and security of the Notes, including the approval of an Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement, a Credit Agreement, an Offering Memorandum and a Commercial Paper Dealer Agreement.

Mr. Steven Adams, Financial Advisor for the City of El Paso, First Southwest Company, explained issues regarding the processing of the General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes.

Mayor Carlos M. Ramirez stated for public information the \$50 million dollar line of credit of Commercial Paper is to finance the Bond election which was approved by the voters last May.

Representative Sumrall asked Mr. Adams what the time frame is between selling the commercial paper and selling the bonds. She also inquired if the interest rates were contingent on the City's rating.

Mr. Adams explained the process to Council Members. Mr. Adams responded yes it is contingent on the City's rating and gave additional information.

Representative Medina stated it has been approximately eight months since the Bond election, why has taken so long to get these Bond projects started.

Mayor Carlos M. Ramirez answered Representative Medina's concern. He explained the voters were told this was a 10 year Capital Improvement Program starting in 2001. He added the Commercial Paper, which Council Members have authorized, will allow the City to start with the design costs for the History Museum, Parks, downtown Library, etc. He reiterated this is a 10 year project.

Ms. Monica D. Cunningham, Chief Administrative Officer, stated Council has been taking action since the approval of the Bonds. She added to set up this process initially is time consuming. She then explained the steps that were taken to allow Council Members to vote on this item today.

Representative Ortega asked Mr. Bill Chapman, Chief Financial Officer, for the record, if he thought these projects might be done in four years and save \$35 million dollars. Mr. Chapman responded no.

Ms. Cunningham explained the City's current ratings with Standard & Poors.

Motion duly made by Representative Sariñana, seconded by Representative Medina that the Ordinance be adopted. Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

AYES: Council Members Sumrall, Rodriguez, Medina, Cook, Ortega, Sariñana and Hernandez

NAYS: None Absent: Council Member Escobar

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby adopted.

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Motion made by Representative Rodriguez, seconded by Representative Medina and unanimously carried to postpone one week the Resolution approving Detailed Site Development Plan No. DP-00023, for the westerly portion of Lot 510, Sunrise Acres Number One, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas (9060 Neptune Street), pursuant to Section 20.04.140 of the El Paso Municipal Code. Zone: C-1/sc (Commercial/special conditions); Applicant/Representative: Mimbela Construction, 4411 Apollo Ave., El Paso, TX 79904
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Building Official and the Fire Marshal of the City of El Paso have conducted an investigation and have reported to the City Council in writing that they are of the opinion that the structure located on the property at 7429 Roselane Circle, AKA 7429 Rose Lane Circle, in El Paso, Texas, which property is more particularly described as follows:

Portions of Tract 23, First Supplemental Map of Paisano Addition, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Volume 15, Page 35, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A" and "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes (Exhibits on file with Resolution in the City Clerk's Office.)

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is dilapidated, substandard, and unfit for human habitation; is a hazard to public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Teresa C. Lerma, 1417 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79902-5617 and 7429 Roselane Circle, AKA 7429 Rose Lane Circle, El Paso, Texas 79901, record Owner, and all mortgages and lienholders were duly notified according to law to appear at a public hearing before City Council at 9:00 a.m. on January 30th, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Eduardo N. Lerma, APPEARED,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That City Council having heard the evidence, makes the following findings:
 - a. That the Buildings located on said property are substandard, unfit for human habitation or use, and therefore a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
 - b. That the Buildings are not in substantial compliance with municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
 - c. That the Buildings are feasibly to repair.
2. That the City Council hereby orders Owner to comply with the following requirements:
 1. That the premises be secured with a 6' high chain link fence within ten (10) days; and
 2. That the Buildings be secured within thirty (30) days; and
 3. That the premises be cleaned of all weeds, trash and debris within thirty (30) days; and
 4. That the Buildings and lot be maintained clean and secure; and
 5. That a public hearing be scheduled for March 20th, 2001 in City Council Chambers, to determine, if the Council order has been complied with and if not to determine penalties.
 6. That the Owner of said Buildings are hereby ordered to comply with all the requirements of the resolution; and
 7. That upon failure of the Owner to comply with this resolution, any mortgagees, lienholder, and other persons having an interest in the property have an additional ten (10) days to secure the Buildings and maintain the Buildings secure and clean the premises of all weeds, trash, and debris; and
3. That upon failure of the Owner to comply with this Order, the City of El Paso through its Deputy Director of Building Services shall secure the Buildings and maintain the Buildings secure and clean the premises of all weeds, trash, and debris at its own expense, but for and on account of the Owner of said property; and
4. That said Owner shall become personally liable for all costs incurred by City in connection with securing and maintaining the Buildings secure and cleaning the premises of all weeds, trash and debris; and
5. That the costs incurred by the City in connection with the cleaning the premises of all weeds, trash, and debris shall become due and payable within thirty (30) days of the date of completion of the work and such cost shall be assessed as a lien against the property unless paid; and
6. That upon failure of the Owner to comply with this Order, one or all of the following actions will be taken:

- a. The City will perform any and all work needed to bring the property into compliance with this order, at its own expense but for and on account of the Owner of said property, the cost of which shall be assessed as a lien against the property; and
 - b. That upon failure of the Owner to comply with this order the City Council may assess a civil penalty against the property Owner in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 a day for each violation or, if the Owner show that the property is the Owners lawful homestead, in an amount not to exceed ten (10) dollars a day for each violation; and
 - c. That upon failure of the Owner to comply with this order, the Owner may be confined in jail as permitted by state law; and
7. That upon failure of the Owner, any mortgages or lienholders to restore the Building so that it complies with all relevant City Code requirements, the City of El Paso, if applicable, may bring an action in District Court to request appointment of a receiver for the rehabilitation of said property pursuant to Section 214.003 of the Texas Local Government Code; and
 8. The Owner any mortgagees, or lienholders have a right to appeal these findings to a court of competent jurisdiction within ten (10) days after notice of this Resolution. The findings shall become final after ten (10) days of receipt of Notice; and
 9. That any civil penalty or assessment imposed will accrue interest at a rate of ten (10) percent a year from the date of assessment until paid in full; and
 10. That the City Clerk is ordered to cause copies of this Resolution to be served on the record Owner and all other persons having interest in the property as provided by law.

Mr. Thomas Maguire, Building Services, read from a prepared statement and presented Council Members with slides. Mr. Maguire stated taxes in the amount of \$14,681.62 are owed on this property.

Mr. Ed Lerma, attorney representing Teresa C. Lerma, gave background information regarding the property.

Motion made by Representative Medina, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to adopt the above Resolution and to accept the recommendations of the Department.

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 Motion made by Representative Sumrall, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to delete the Resolution that the El Paso City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to take the necessary steps to change the portion of Artcraft Road to Ord Gary Highway as shown below: (District 1)

1. Naming the main lanes of Artcraft Road to Ord Gary Drive.
2. Naming the off-ramp from I-10/Doniphan to Artcraft West located just north of Artcraft Road.
3. Naming the on-ramp from Doniphan Drive/Interstate 10 to Artcraft East located just south of Artcraft Road.

THIS IS AN APPEAL CASE

At this time Representative Sariñana left the City Council meeting and was not available to cast his vote.

Mr. Rudy Valdez, Planning Department, explained the application was submitted by Mrs. Wilma Gary Hayes, daughter of Mr. Ord Gary. He stated the extension of Artcraft to the New Mexico State Line was completed last year and the applicant is requesting that the section between I-10 and the State Line be

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changed to Ord Gary Highway. The City Plan Commission and the Development Coordinating Committee unanimously opposed the change based on the inconvenience of the residents and the confusion as proposed by the applicant. The cost submitted by TXDOT to replace the signage would be approximately \$10,000.00 and the approximate cost to the City to change the signage would be \$675.00, TXDOT has agreed with the signage change.

Mayor Ramirez asked if the property owners were willing to pay for the change in their paperwork.

Mr. Valdez replied the applicants are willing to pay for the changes of City street signs; however, he was not sure if the applicants were willing to pay for the changes for the property owners.

Representative Sumrall explained there is conflicting information from property owners on Artcraft. She explained it would be a great disservice to the businesses currently located on Artcraft due to the impact it would have regarding address changes, paperwork, etc. She suggested naming another major arterial or park after Mr. Ord Gary. She explained Artcraft was named after Mr. John Woelfel's company.

Ms. Cindy Rash, Mr. Woelfel's granddaughter, gave background information regarding her grandfather. She stated he founded Artcraft Company in 1937. Ms. Rash named many of the accomplishments of Mr. Woelfel. She requested Council Members leave Artcraft as it is and name another street after Mr. Gary.

Mr. David G. Garcia, representing Citizens Against Toxic Chemical Hazards, made comments regarding toxic chemicals currently being transported on Artcraft.

Ms. Sharon Momsen, representing a property owner on Artcraft, asked Council Members to leave Artcraft as it currently is. She explained the problems she has encountered due to an address change and she dreads what would happen if the street name would change.

Ms. Beatrice Tarango, who has lived on Artcraft for 26 years, stated her opposition to changing the name and gave her reasons. Her father's business, Gaspar Tarango U-Haul, is located on Artcraft.

Representative Cook stated El Paso's street names are not tourist friendly.

Representative Medina suggested renaming the street as Artcraft/Ord Gary Highway.

Mr. Gonzalo Garcia, representing Ms. Wilma Gary Hayes, explained the applicant is requesting changing the name to Ord Gary from Doniphan to the New Mexico State Line. Mr. Garcia gave Mr. Gary's historical background. He explained Mr. Gary was a giant in the agricultural industry.

Representative Ortega clarified the stretch of highway would be from Doniphan to the New Mexico State Line. He then asked if there were any property owners in opposition of this.

Mr. Garcia responded there are 11 land owners who have signed a petition.

Representative Sumrall reiterated her concern regarding this name change effecting any residents or businesses.

Ms. Rash asked Council Members to leave Artcraft, avoid the confusion issues and honor both men. She suggested naming another major road, park or school after Mr. Gary.

Mr. Charlie McNabb, City Attorney, explained because of the revision stated by Ms. Hayes the item was not posted correctly.

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Motion made by Representative Hernandez, seconded by Representative Medina and unanimously carried to award Bid No. 2001-039 High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor System for SCBA/SCUBA Cylinders

Award To: Sierra Machinery
El Paso, TX
Item: 1
Amount: \$84,655.00

Department: Fire
Funds available: 250101-208008-MB0001-130
Funding source: FY2000 Certificates of Obligation
Total amount: \$84,655.00

The Fire and Purchasing Departments recommend award as indicated to the lowest responsive offer meeting specifications, from responsible parties.

Lower bids were received but did not meet specifications as detailed in the backup.

This is a fixed-price, single (one-time) purchase, to purchase one (1) High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor System for SCBA/SCUBA Cylinders. There is an option to purchase up to one hundred percent (100%) of the original contract quantities, at the same unit price, if the option is exercised within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of award of the contract. No prompt payment discount is offered.

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Motion made by Representative Medina, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to award Bid No. 2001-040 Crew Cab Dump Trucks

Award To: Casa Ford
El Paso, Texas
Item: 1 with Options 01 and 04
Amount: \$140,322.80
- 5,000.00 Less trade-in allowance
\$135,322.80

Department: Street
Funds available: 102009-208006-540009
Funding source: FY1999 Contractual Obligations
Total amount: \$140,322.80

The Equipment Maintenance, Street, and Purchasing Departments recommend award as indicated to the lowest responsive offer meeting specifications, from responsible parties.

This is a fixed-price, single (one-time) purchase, to purchase two (2) Crew Cab Dump Trucks. There is an option to purchase up to one hundred percent (100%) of the original contract quantities, at the same unit price, if the option is exercised within ninety (90) days, from the date of award of the contract. No prompt payment discount is offered.

Representative Sumrall stated this was the first time she has seen a trade-in.

Mr. Byron Johnson, Director of Purchasing, stated the department does this on other bids; however, unfortunately some units do not make the trade-in status.

*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to postpone two weeks the discussion and action to accept a proposal by the El Paso Municipal Police Officers' Association to enter into a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to Chapter 174 of the Texas Local Government Code. (Chris McGill)

Mayor Ramirez reiterated the functions that the Police Department performs with respect to gang, CRASH, IMPACT and PAR are not going away. He explained there are many officers who are not carrying their load. The recommendation is for more patrol officers to be assigned to the streets to perform the functions which the specialized units are doing. He stated community policing encompasses working with the schools, neighborhoods and doing the things a police officer is trained to do. He stated if this Motion carries this will institutionalize specialized units which will burden patrol officers beyond their capabilities. This would mean PAR and CRASH officers would be doing only the functions assigned to them but being paid as full police officers.

Representative Sariñana stated there are conflicting reports.

Mayor Ramirez responded it is the duty of Council Members to utilize our resources in the most efficient manner.

Representative Sariñana replied the DMG report states investigators and intelligence officers are given too many duties outside of their specific roles, which leads him to believe this would be a management problem in the department.

Mayor Ramirez read a statement which Mr. Chris McGill, the President of the El Paso Municipal Police Officer's Association, had written which was printed in the El Paso Times.

Representative Cook asked Representative Sumrall amend her Motion to include the following language: "to ask for a 90 day moratorium in the establishment of a Blue Ribbon Panel that would evaluate the recommendations of both the Chief's recommendations and those of DMG Maximus and also to allow for community input and two way communications".

Representative Sumrall asked that a vote be taken on her Motion and if this Motion doesn't carry then to proceed with the amended Motion as per Representative Cook.

Representative Medina stated it seems there are members of this Council and staff who are not willing to compromise. He explained a great amount of concern and doubt has been expressed today and it would be a great disservice to the whole community if their concerns were not heard. He implored that the Mayor permit the moratorium so that an educational process might be allowed.

Mr. Charlie McNabb, City Attorney, explained he has not seen the report and does not know what it contains; however, if this is a reassignment of duties among the same class of employees, this is not a reorganization. He clarified putting this on hold is permissible to see what Legislative requirements of Council there are in this plan.

Representative Rodriguez asked if the job descriptions of the PAR officers would need to be changed.

Mr. McNabb reiterated he had not seen the report.

Representative Sumrall stated she would amend her Motion only if there were a commitment from Chief Leon and Mayor Ramirez that the concerns of Council Members and the community be heard.

Mayor Ramirez explained in Phase I of the DMG Maximus report, several items had been identified which were finalized in Phase II of the report. He elaborated that the Police department was understaffed in the patrol function to provide proactive policing. He reiterated Council is implementing the budget and budgetary considerations and must utilize the budget in the most efficient manner.

Chief Leon stated he has no objection attending community meetings to allow for community input.

Mayor Ramirez encouraged Council Members to read the report and see what other cities are doing.

Representative Sariñana explained he had called other cities and these cities implemented changes due to their high crime rate; however, the crime rate in El Paso is very low.

Chief Leon explained Houston and Los Angeles are attempting to do what El Paso is doing. He continued the ideal patrol percentage is 55, El Paso is well below that. He stated he would like to see officers doing proactive policing in other areas such as, gangs, domestic violence, etc.

Chief Leon responded no to Representative Sariñana that the changes had not been initiated.

Mayor Ramirez emphasized that EPISD has partnered the least with the City regarding SRO officers and the City needs to find ways to alleviate the taxpayer burden. He would like to see more cooperation with the EPISD Police Department in the area of safety.

Representative Sumrall responded EPISD Police Department is adding to the Police Department Personnel, YISD does not have a police department.

Mayor Ramirez replied the SRO programs utilized with EPISD and SISD are working very well. He stated the EPISD could partner with the City instead of funding their own Police Department.

Representative Sariñana stated before making any decisions regarding these changes, this should come back Council.

Mayor Ramirez stated this is an administrative function; however, we want the communication to exist and the information to be given to the public. He clarified the Motion for a 60 day moratorium to give the Chief an opportunity to educate and interact with the public and different school districts.

Representative Sumrall asked that Chief Leon come back to Council and report what the findings were. Representative Medina seconded this.

Mr. Chuck Silva, Assistant Principal at Jefferson High School, thanked Council Members for this opportunity. He attested to the effectiveness of the CRASH officers assigned to Jefferson. He explained their response time is immediate, they do follow up with investigations. The number one concern of all parents in the United States is safety in the schools. He then referred to two different incidences of "jumping" which occurred on or near the Jefferson campus. As a result of these two occurrences the victims required hospitalization and extensive reconstructive surgery. Through a collaborate effort of the CRASH officers and the school's administration, those responsible for these vicious attacks were marched off the campus in handcuffs. He received word from gang members that the CRASH officers had already been reassigned. The gang members fear the CRASH officers.

Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Medina and carried to place a 60 day moratorium on the reorganization of special units within the El Paso Police Department.

Representatives Sumrall and Sariñana voted Nay.

Motion passed 5-2.

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ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign the "Park Partner" Agreement with the following organization for maintenance and other services on City property as described in the Agreement:

Fiesta Del Flores, Inc.

Washington Park

AND THAT the Mayor be further authorized to sign additional documents and take additional action necessary to fulfill the purpose of this contract.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve Rep. Rose Rodriguez' request that \$473.18 be allocated from District 2 Discretionary Fund Special Projects Index Code 153003, Sub-Object 204420 Usercode D20423, to install three lights in the Grandview Park Basketball Court.

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*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to appoint Frank Dimas to the Community Development Steering Committee by Representative Rose Rodriguez.

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Motion made by Representative Hernandez, seconded by Representative Sariñana and unanimously carried to postpone one week the Resolution of Council to send letter to Governor Perry asking for parity on health care issues for El Paso as requested by Representative Hernandez.

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Motion made by Representative Medina, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to postpone one week Alicia Meraz, et al; 99-C-291A.

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Motion made by Representative Medina, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to postpone one week Robert Acosta and Moises Garcia, 00-C-181.

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Motion made by Representative Medina, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to postpone one week U.S. Army, 01-COL-001.


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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Medina and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 3:15 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carole Hunter

Carole Hunter, City Clerk



Charles McNabb, City Attorney

